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THREE CENTS

The Seniors Graduate

The seniors have graduated as the class of '47 of Northfield High and last Friday evening received their diplomas at their program of exercises from Robert N. Taylor, superintendent of schools. Town Hall was beautifully decorated and many parents and friends were in attendance. Those who graduated were: Marilyn Mae Dresser, Alva Merle Jones, Lois May Stearns, Dorothy Mae Allen, Edward Lewis Fortier, Lorraine June Gingras, Shirley Mae Gould, Robert Northrup, Gordon William Leavis, Carolyn May Miller and Viola Josephine Sytnik.

With David Quinn as marshal the program opened with invocation by Rev. Hazel Rogers Gredler, followed by singing by the glee club. Essays were given by the three highest honor students: "The Evolution of the Public Schools in Northfield," Lois May Stearns; "The Life of Charles Preston," Alva Jones, and "Discovery and Early Settling in Northfield," Marilyn Mae Dresser.

The address of the evening was by Rev. Lester White, of Mount Hermon School. The graduates received a copy of Northfield's history book, "A Puritan Outpost."

The following awards were presented by Chester Parker, principal: From the Massachusetts Society of Sons of the American Revolution, Washington and Franklin medal for proficiency in United States history, to Ruth Holton Becker; scholastic key for proficiency in bookkeeping, Mary Ann Wozniak; Pro Merito society pins for high ranking students, Marian Avery and Ruth Holton; Bosch award for exceptional progress in science, Alva Jones; Daughters of the American Revolution good citizenship certificate, Shirley Mae Gould.

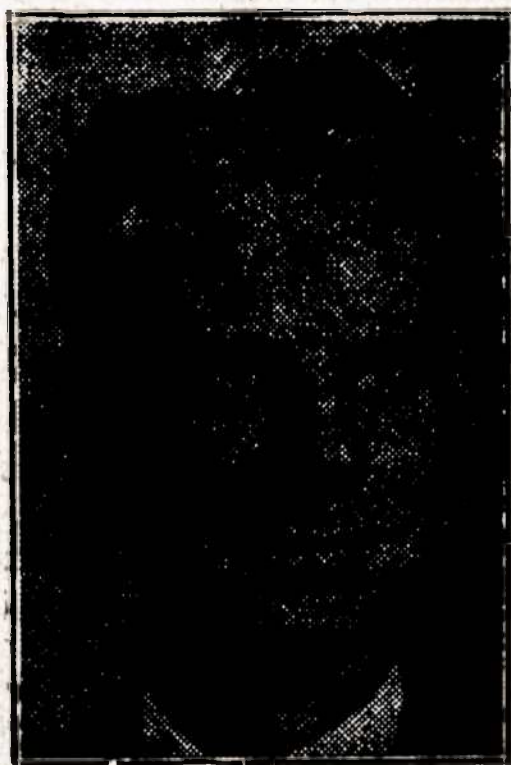
The benediction was by Rev. Edward S. Kuzawa.

The class motto, "Ambition's Light is a Distant Star," in blue and gold, was hung from the balcony and the stage was decorated with baskets of laurel and peonies.

The Fourth Coming

Already many folks are preparing for the long weekend holiday of July 4th which will fall on Friday. From the cities there will be an exodus of thousands for the rural sections where the countryside can be enjoyed and it is expected there will be a record made in transportation facilities. By rail, bus and auto, travel will reach a peak high. Northfield residents will note the heavy traffic but will welcome all who come to hotel, conference or summer homes. A word of caution is given to all who come to Massachusetts and that is that no fireworks are permitted in this state and they should not be brought in for use. It is expected that almost every summer home will be occupied here during the holiday weekend.

Leads On Round Top



DR. CARL H. KOPF

Those who have attended conferences in Northfield during past years will recall the many interesting services held on Round Top on the campus of the School for Girls. There is plenty of singing under the direction of an energetic band leader and at times with musical instruments. Then there is a worthwhile message by a brilliant speaker. This season during the general conference Dr. Carl H. Kopf, minister of the Mount Vernon Church in Boston, will have charge of the Round Top gatherings. Dr. Kopf has been minister of the Mount Vernon Church since 1933, the church which Dwight L. Moody joined as a young man in 1856.

Dr. Kopf graduated in 1925 from Princeton, where he served as an instructor before his ordination into the Congregational ministry in 1928. He served churches in Roxbury and Salem, Mass., before undertaking his present ministry. He is an author and also creator of a radio program, "From a Window on Beacon Street," broadcast weekly over WEEI of Boston since 1938.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Grant, formerly of the Vernon Home at South Vernon, where they were superintendent and matron and who resigned to engage in business in Exeter, N. H., have recently moved to Manchester, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Duncan, whose summer home is in Pine Grove on Woodruff Way, sent greetings to their many friends here from California where they are touring during the month of July. They expect to arrive in Northfield about August 1.

Northfield theatergoers will have the opportunity this season of two summer theaters, one at Keene and the other at Brattleboro. Already quite a number have secured tickets to the series of productions at Brattleboro.

Missionary Conference

Twenty-five Protestant church leaders from Europe, Asia, Canada and the United States are participating in the annual Northfield Missionary Conference which is now in session here.

Four leading interdenominational agencies representing all of the major Protestant communions in this country and Canada will sponsor the gathering. They are the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, the Home Missions Council of North America, the Missionary Education Movement of the United States and Canada, and the United Council of Church Women.

Church leaders scheduled to take part in the nine-day session include Dr. Mark A. Dawber, executive secretary of the Home Missions Council; Dr. T. C. Chao, dean of religion, Yen Ching University, Peiping, China; Dr. Rajah B. Manikam, secretary of the National Christian Council of India who will be the preacher Sunday in the auditorium; Mrs. Induk Pakh, prominent Christian leader from Korea; Dr. Knut Westman, Upsala University, Sweden; Mrs. Ruth Mougey Worrell, secretary of the United Council of Church Women, and Dr. Jesse Bader, secretary of the department of evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches.

More than 500 delegates registered for the conference.

Summer was ushered in on Sunday, June 22, and this week there is over 15 hours of daylight. June thus far

Gladside Rabbitry

Corys M. Heselton, formerly of Brattleboro, who has become a resident of Northfield by purchasing the former Callaghan property on Main Street, is engaged in two most interesting ventures. First, he has continued his production of gladioli with which he was so successful on his Brattleboro place and which won for him much recognition and many valuable awards. His flower garden may now be observed from the highway here just north and east of his new residence. Then he also engages in a rabbitry and breeds largely New Zealand whites and Chinchillas, for which he finds a steady demand.

On Sunday, June 9, he invited the members of the Green Mountain Rabbit Association to meet here at his home and to make an exhibit of their animals. Mr. Heselton also entered and won awards in several classes of his stock, especially in New Zealand whites and giant Chinchillas. There were about 235 rabbits in the competition and over 300 members of the club attended despite the bad weather. A luncheon was served to all attending. Since Mr. Heselton is a newcomer but very few people in town know of his enterprises and we hope that some day he will respond to popular appeal and invite the citizens of this town to call to pet the rabbits and smell the flowers.

has been cool and wet. About everybody is hoping for real summer weather.

High Principal Resigns

Chester R. Parker, since September, 1944, principal of the Northfield High School, has resigned effective at the close of the school year. Thus ends the many rumors that have been prevalent that such a resignation was contemplated, but up to this time no public announcement was made by Mr. Parker or the school committee. Mr. Parker came here from Jacksonville, Vt., and it is said he expects to enroll as a student at Boston University.

Vernon Bible School

The Advent Christian Church at South Vernon will sponsor a Daily Vacation Bible School from June 30 to July 11 to be held at the church for those young folks from 4 years through 14 years. The leaders will be Miss Musa Ellis and Miss Shirley Osborne of the New England School of Theology in Boston. Besides the study hour there will be a program of games, handicraft work, singing and music. Transportation is to be arranged for those who do not use or have cars. Call Mr. Buffum at the Texaco Gas Station in East Northfield.

It is a postal regulation that patrons who receive their mail by rural free delivery must keep their mail boxes in good condition, properly painted and with their name in letters one inch high. There are a score of boxes along the routes in Northfield that need immediate attention.

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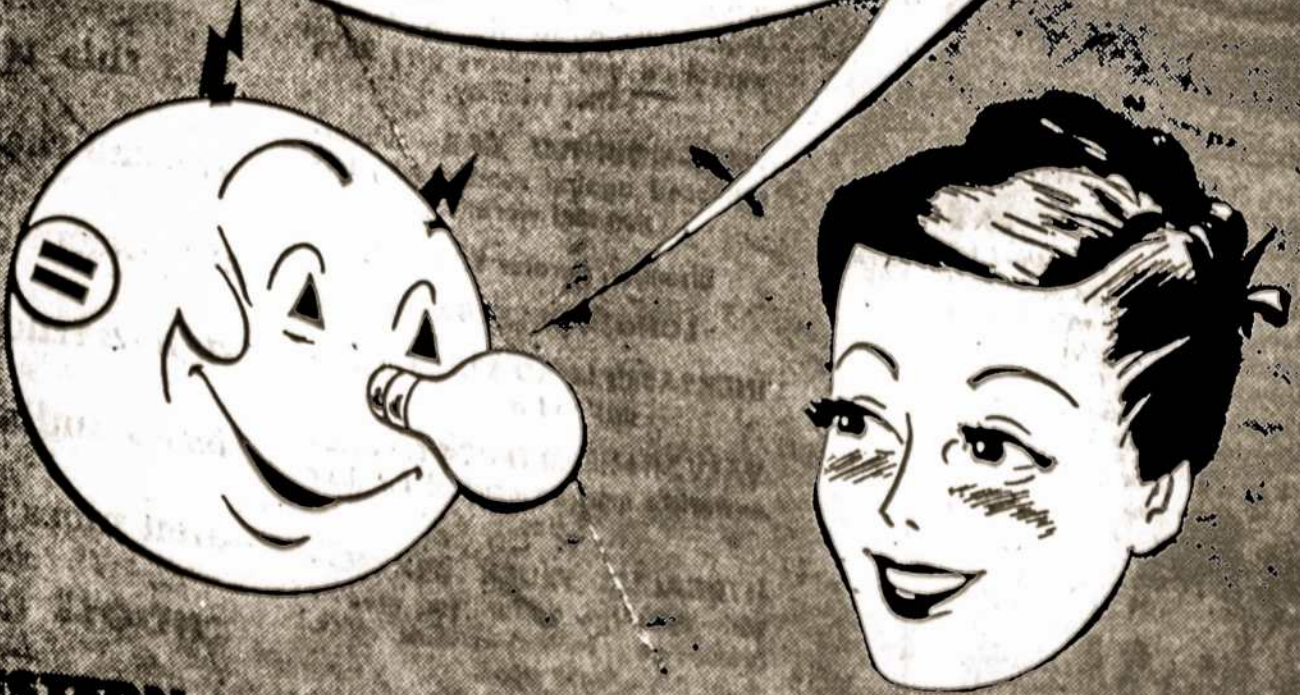
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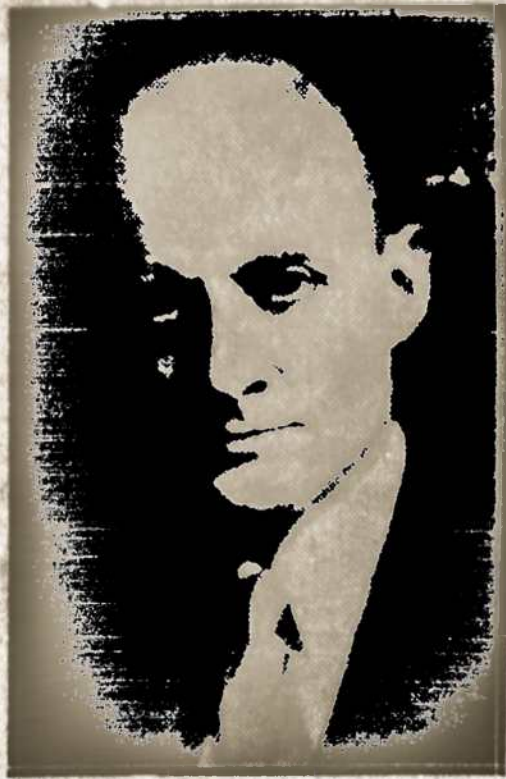
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Conference Speakers



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A well-known speaker at the General Conference to be held in August is Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr who has been heard in previous years and whose addresses are always listened to with keen interest.

Dr. Niebuhr has been a member of the Union Theological Seminary faculty since 1928 and professor of Applied Christianity since 1930. He received his degrees at Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, and Yale Divinity School, and honorary degrees from seven colleges and universities including Oxford. Among his many important published works is "The Nature and Destiny of Man" of which Volume II was published in 1943. He edits a quarterly, "Christianity and Society" and a bi-weekly, "Christianity and Crisis."

Northwind Running

The Northwind, train of the Boston and Maine Railroad, running from New York north as a fast crack train, began to operate on Tuesday, the 23d, with its southbound train on Wednesday. The northbound train will run daily except Sunday and the southbound also daily except Saturday. The train will leave New York at 8.40 Standard time and reach East Northfield shortly before 1 o'clock. It will leave East Northfield southbound about 5.15 P. M. and arrive in New York at 9.20. As last year when this service was inaugurated the Northwind will not stop at Springfield but will stop at East Northfield to discharge passengers and southbound to take on through passengers. Stops at Hartford and New Haven are only for passengers to East Northfield and northern points. This will give East Northfield an exceptional service of less than four and a half hours enroute. If you plan to use this train get detailed information from the station ticket office.

High '47 Class Night

The graduating class of Northfield High held their class night festivities at the Town Hall last Thursday evening and planned a most interesting program which cemented their friendships as they conclude their education which the town has given them and as they start anew in various ways in the coming days. The hall was attractively decorated and special scenery was prepared for use on the stage.

The address of welcome was given by Robert Hubbard; the class prophecy by Marilyn Dresser, Viola Sytnik and Edward Fortier; the class history, written by Shirley Gould, Dorothy Allen and Lois Stearns, was read by Shirley Gould; the class will by Lorraine Gingras and Carolyn Miller; advice to the underclassmen by Alva Jones; acceptance of advice by David Quinn, junior class president, and class poem by Dana Leavis. Gifts were exchanged among class members and school songs were sung by the glee club. The program was closed with the class song.

Last Sunday morning, members of Harmony Lodge of Masons and of the Order of the Eastern Star attended morning service at the Unitarian Church when the minister, the Rev. Hazel Rogers Gredler delivered the sermon. It was St. John's day of special remembrance to the Masonic fraternity.

Mrs. W. G. Slate Passes

Mrs. Harriet (Hayden) Slate, wife of William G. Slate, of this town, died at her home off the Plains Road Friday, June 20, after a long period of failing health. She was born September 23, 1855, in Fitzwilliam, N. H., the daughter of Nathan and Lorena (Damon) Hayden and was over 91 years of age. She was married January 1, 1891, to Mr. Slate and since that time they have resided in Northfield.

Surviving besides her husband is an adopted daughter, Mrs. Harold Frisbee, of Springfield; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. For nearly fifty years Mrs. Slate was a member of the local Congregational Church. She was interested in the Goodale Memorial Church at Bernardston and was a member of the local No. 8 Association.

Funeral services were at her home on Monday afternoon with Rev. A. L. Truendell officiating and burial was in the Farms Cemetery. Mrs. Slate remained much about her home and enjoyed the study of nature. She loved the birds and animal life and there found comfort and peace. She had filled her niche in a world filled with struggle and turmoil.

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Town Topics

Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. McClain, of Rockville, Conn., who have a cottage in Mountain Park will arrive about July 1 to spend the summer here. Mr. McClain is superintendent of the Tolland County Home and after a long service for the institution retires next month. During June their cottage has been occupied by Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hilliard, of Orlando, Fla. Mrs. Hilliard is a sister of Mrs. McClain.

Miss Carolyn Miller and Russell Bigelow will represent the young people of the Unitarian Church at the annual conference of Unitarian youth being held at the Isle of Shoals this week.

George L. Partridge, of East Northfield, will be at the Keewaydin Camps in Salisbury, Vt., this summer.

Warren G. Brown, of South Vernon, who succeeded his mother as a news correspondent serving several newspapers has retired from the work and Mrs. Edna L. Edson has begun to write for the Greenfield paper. Both Mrs. Brown and her son wrote in years past for the Press and they rendered a very valuable service. Mrs. Brown has been in poor health and is at Bronson's Convalescent Home.

Warwick Grange held its 800th meeting on Wednesday evening in its quarters at Warwick and provided a most interesting program. A delegation of members from the Northfield Grange attended.

Dr. William E. Park, president of the Northfield Schools, will participate in the commencement exercises at Vassar College on Monday, June 30.

Considerable water is flowing over the falls at Wanamaker Pond and makes an attractive picture. However, the water in the pond is yet too cold to attract the swimmers.

Dr. A. B. True has had torn down the sheds back of his home on Main Street and will turn the grounds into an attractive garden and later build a garage.

Active work is going on at Virginia camp to get the camp in readiness for the coming of the children from Boston, Cambridge and other places of the Children's Haven. Robert Murray, the president of the organization, is spending a few days here.

The homes of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Holton and Mr. and Mrs. Luman Barber, on Main Street, are rapidly being enclosed and are centers of activity in the building industry.

Miss Ruth E. Sullivan, a teacher at the Center School, has resigned and will enter the Western Reserve College at Cleveland to study for a master's degree.

Friday, August 8, is the big day for the fair at the Congregational Church and next week the Press hopes to announce the various attractions and the committees in charge. The proceeds of the fair will be given to the new building fund.

School Committee Plans

The school committee has announced its plans for the coming year and given publicity to the same. It announces the selection of George M. Leonard, now principal of Center School, as principal of the high school. Mr. Leonard has been identified with the local schools since 1941 and is well known here.

The school committee has voted unanimously to adopt a reorganization plan which calls for establishment of a six-year school to be called the Northfield Junior-Senior High School and will include grades 7-12. Enrollment of the new school will be 140 and the staff including the principal will total eight.

The reorganization is in keeping with a recommendation of the State Department of Education which specifies that all high schools with enrollments of less than 100 be reorganized into six-year schools. Enrollment in Northfield High School has not been 100 since 1936.

This plan of reorganization will distribute more evenly the pupil load between the two buildings.

Two teachers from the Center School staff will be added to that of the high school. The high school reorganization does not increase the number of the school faculty, but the extra first grade will necessitate hiring one more teacher.

Evelyn Lawley will continue as submaster, and Harold McLean will have charge of all physical education. The reorganization will also simplify transportation problems which will be given later in the Press.

Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tyler, of South Vernon, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Marion Alice Tyler, to Lieut. James Reiber who is with the 13th Air Force in Manila. He plans to return to this country next month but no date has been set for the wedding.

Leases At Sudbury

The American Youth Hostel has leased the Southwest School at Sudbury from the Henry Ford interests and will use the same as a hostel, thus adding accommodations in their chain to care for their members. It is said the rental to be paid is one dollar a year.

Mr. and Mrs. David Stevens who a year ago purchased Covert cottage in Mountain Park off Winchester Road have begun the erection of a permanent home on the Hount Hermon Road near the residence of Mr. Holton.

Mrs. David Tomkins, who has been in Florida and in New Jersey during the past winter, has returned to reopen her home on the Winchester Road.

Real estate values have dropped here, but more so on vacant land than on dwellings, according to some official appraisals. Demand for lots in town fell off when the local tax rate was announced.

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Town Topics

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Miss Marion Keller, of the faculty of the Northfield School for Girls, will spend the summer attending the school of the Boston Symphony Orchestra at Tanglewood at Lenox in the Berkshires.

Boston University has conferred the degree of master of education upon Mrs. Florence L. White, who after the death of her husband, while pastor of the South Vernon Church, followed him as its minister. Since her resignation she has studied and taught religious education in Boston for the State Council of Churches. She deserves the congratulations of her friends.

Mrs. Emory Rikert, of Winchester Road, recently attended the alumni anniversary of the Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn of which she is a member.

The campaign of the Salvation Army fund is nearing its close and if you have not sent in your subscription, won't you please do so or hand it to either Ross L. Spencer, chairman, or William F. Hoehn, treasurer. The fund to date is short of the quota assigned to Northfield.

Don't fail to see the revival of Denman Thompson's "The Old Homestead" at Swansey July 4, 5 and 6. Quite a number are to attend the Saturday evening production from Northfield, going by bus.

Thomas L. Campbell, of Somerville, and Lucy C. Wall, of Nashua, N. H., have conveyed to Margaret R. Campbell, of Brooklyn, N. Y., their interest in the house and land known as the Campbell home on Main Street in East Northfield.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shearer of this town at the Farren Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, June 18.

Bernardston will enjoy a reasonable tax rate this year of \$32, only \$2 more than last year.

At a recent meeting of the trustees of the Christian Advent Church at South Vernon it was decided to hold the weekly prayer meeting on Thursday evenings at the church instead of at the Vernon Home. It was also voted to resume meetings at the chapel during the summer.

Friday, August 8, is the date for the church supper and sale of the Congregational Church in aid of the new building fund. It may be a long time ahead but be sure to make it a date.

James McRoberts, of New York, executor of the estate of the late William J. McRoberts, spent several days here this week connected with business of the estate.

The Woman's Fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Greenfield held their picnic on Thursday at the summer home of their pastor and wife, the Rev. Ralph L. Rood, on Winchester Road.

Games on the home grounds here of the Northfield baseball team will be: Sunday, June 29, with Montague; Friday, July 4, with Montague City; Friday, July 11, with Montague; Monday, July 16, with Russell, and Friday, July 20, with Charlemont.

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